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Sunday 9th August 2015



**The United Benefice of Long Crendon (LC),
Cheersley (Ch) & Nether Winchendon (NW)**

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY



Prayer: Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings for Today:



Old Testament: 1 Kings 19.4-8

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Epistle: Ephesians 4.25-5.2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Gospel: John 6.35 and 41-51

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

On Monday 31st August there will be Village Teas from 2:30 to 5:00 pm at St. Nicholas, Nether Winchendon.

Consultative meeting dates with the Area Dean and Development Officer at 3:00 pm in each church as follows, topics to be discussed in brackets:

Long Crendon	(Worship)	Sunday 27th September 2015
Nether Winchendon	(Pastoral Care)	Sunday 4th October 2015
Chearsley	(Mission)	Sunday 11th October 2015

For all interested in the Benefice not only PCC members – you are welcome at all three churches for the three difference discussions.

A letter of thanks from John, who has asked that it be included in the Pew Sheet for several weeks to ensure that as many people as possible receive his message:

“For Anna and me, Sunday 19th July was the perfect finale. The sun shone, the church was full, the flowers looked lovely, the choir sang magnificently, Chris played the organ gloriously, the worship was lively and enthusiastic, the service went at a seamless pace, the congregation sang with great spirit, the drink was bubbling and bountiful, the food was delicious, the service outside excellent, the whole ambience was one of warmth and kindness. What a day for us to remember! Thanks to everyone who contributed to make it happen.

However, my other purpose in writing is to express our heartfelt thanks for the cheque which was unbelievably generous. Anna and I were overwhelmed by the kindness of your gift. I also love the cartoon picture which Alicia painted together with the book of messages. There really are times when words seem quite inadequate to express our appreciation and gratitude but be assured, we are profoundly grateful for your generosity.

John and Anna”

Details of the closure of the Chilton Road in Chearsley from 10th August for six weeks can be found at:

<http://www.chearsley.com/pdf/ChiltonRoadClosure2015.pdf>

Services in the United Benefice

Services Today Sunday 9th August 2015 - Trinity 10

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Andy Bell
10.00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Andy Bell
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

Note: there will be no Morning Celebration at Cheersley today

Services Next Sunday 16th August 2015 - Trinity 11

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ch	Canon Robin Brown
10.00 am	Family Service	NW	Robert Hutton
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	Ray Copping

Services Sunday 23rd August 2015 - Trinity 12

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Andy Bell
10.00 am	Family Service	Ch	John Scholefield
10.30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Andy Bell
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Robert Hutton

Services Sunday 30th August 2015 - Trinity 13

10.00 am	United Benefice Service	Ch	Tom Farrell
	with Junior Church - visitors welcome!		

Please note this will be the only service in the Benefice on this day

Services Sunday 6th September 2015 - Trinity 14

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Steve and Rose Williams
10.00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Ray Copping
10:00 am	Family Communion	Ch	Steve and Rose Williams

Services Sunday 13th September 2015 - Trinity 15

10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
10.00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion (with speaker)	LC	Ray Copping
4:00 pm	God@4	NW	Lay Led
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

If you have events coming up in the Benefice and would like them included in future Pew Sheets, please let us have the details on llm.chearsley@btinternet.com Please note that your wording may have to be edited to fit the available space - John and Jenny Scholefield